MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES
OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMPTON HILLS
January 7, 2025
Campton Hills Village Hall
40W270 LaFox Road
7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order** – President Wojnicki called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

   Roll Call – Clerk Johnson called the roll:

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Also Present
Trustee Boatner			Village Administrator Rooney
Trustee Burson			Village Attorney Forte
Trustee McKelvie			Chief Levand
Trustee Millette		X	
Trustee Muncie			
Trustee Williams			
President Wojnicki			

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Trustee Williams led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Public Comments**
   Jim Piazza
   - Would like to talk about and hopefully the board will take a closer look at resolving a couple issues:
     1. Approximately a month ago I spoke with Chief Levand about a vehicle that was parked on the main thoroughfare for over a month and had never moved
        - We spoke and I told the chief that cars come from Cheval-De-Selle, the subdivision just to the west of Foxfield
        - They keep come flying around the curve and it's a tight curve and where the car is parked it's almost impossible for two vehicles to pass each other with this car parked there
        - From the car to the edge of the road is exactly 16 ft wide and my truck is 6 and 1/2 ft wide. Buses are even wider so if two cars are passing each other you have less than 3 feet to pass
        - It's a dangerous curve and in warmer months, many people are out there walking; some have strollers; kids are riding bikes on the road
        - I am requesting a No Parking ban on this main thoroughfare 24/7 365 days a year with the exception if you're having a big family gathering
        - It's a safety issue so board members please take a closer look at this and please do not put it at the bottom of the pile
     2. Horses
        - This past Sunday, a neighbor asked if I know who was riding horses down our street; there were three riders and a white truck following them; she told me there was a pile of horse poop directly in front of her driveway by the mailbox
        - I called the Campton Hills Police Department to see if there was an ordinance about picking up after themselves and found out we do not have any ordinances that horse owners have to pick up after themselves. That's not right
        - My neighbor posted on what's happening in Campton Hills; the only responses she got were snide, rude, lamb basting comments; she was so upset she took the post down. What happened to common courtesy and human compassion and just being neighborly and doing the right thing

- It was confirmed it was a family that boarded their horses at Burberry Gates Farm on Anderson and Rte 64. The owner of the farm assured me that they would contact them to come clean up and they did that tonight; Praise to Burberry Gates Farm for assisting
- If there's an ordinance about blowing your grass clippings on the road and leaving them there, shouldn't that be the same for horse poop
- I'd like to say our neighbors would like to see a Campton Hills ordinance saying horse owners have to pick up their horse poop or receive a fine the same as a dog owner
- By the way my neighbor in the back has two horses which I love feeding and spending time with; it's not that I don't like horses, it's the owners who are disrespectful by not picking up their horses' poop
- I've been out here 38 years, and this is the first time this has happened and hopefully it's not a reoccurring thing, so thank you

4. **Consent Agenda**
   - **a.** Motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024, Village Board Special Meeting
   - **b.** Motion to approve payment of bills per Warrant List #25-16
   - **c.** Motion to approve Ordinance 25-01 Allowing for The Regulation of Traffic On A Certain Road Within The Village Of Campton Hills, Illinois
   - **d.** Motion to advise and consent to the Village President's appointment of Chris Tiedt as Vice Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission
   - **e.** Motion to advise and consent to the Village President's appointment of James Brown, Building and Zoning Officer, as Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission
   - **f.** Motion to advise and consent to the Village President's appointment of Trustee Muncie as Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Trustee Burson pulled item 4b and 4f
Trustee Muncie pulled item 4a
Trustee Boatner pulled item 4e

Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended made by Trustee Burson; seconded by Trustee McKelvie

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain	Motion: **CARRIED**
Trustee Boatner	X				
Trustee Burson	X				
Trustee McKelvie	X				
Trustee Millette			X		
Trustee Muncie	X				
Trustee Williams	X				
President Wojnicki					

4A Trustee Muncie was absent from the last meeting, so he will abstain from the vote
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Motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 Village Board Special Meeting made by Trustee Muncie; seconded by Trustee Burson

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain	Motion: **CARRIED**
Trustee Boatner	X				
Trustee Burson	X				
Trustee McKelvie	X				
Trustee Millette			X		
Trustee Muncie				X	
Trustee Williams	X				
President Wojnicki	X				

4B. Trustee Burson questioned the two invoices listed as credits, $85.75 and $269.63 but did not reflect as a credit under the Amazon Business payment

Motion to approve payment of bills per Warrant List #25-16 with the removal of those two invoices from Amazon Business made by Trustee Burson; seconded by Trustee Boatner

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain	Motion: **CARRIED**
Trustee Boatner	X				
Trustee Burson	X				
Trustee McKelvie	X				
Trustee Millette			X		
Trustee Muncie	X				
Trustee Williams	X				
President Wojnicki	X				

4E. Trustee Boatner advised he accidently pulled this one. Did not mean to

Motion to advise and consent to the Village President's appointment of James Brown, Building and Zoning Officer, as Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission made by Trustee Williams; seconded by Trustee Burson

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain	Motion: **CARRIED**
Trustee Boatner	X				
Trustee Burson	X				
Trustee McKelvie	X				
Trustee Millette			X		
Trustee Muncie	X				
Trustee Williams	X				
President Wojnicki	X				

4F. **Motion to advise and consent to the Village President's appointment** of Trustee Muncie as Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission made by Trustee McKelvie; seconded by Trustee Williams

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain	Motion: **CARRIED**
Trustee Boatner		X			
Trustee Burson		X			
Trustee McKelvie	X				
Trustee Millette			X		
Trustee Muncie				X	
Trustee Williams	X				
President Wojnicki	X				

5. **Staff Reports**

a. Adhoc Technology Committee

Committee Chair Muhr advised the Board of the accomplishments in 2024:

1. Upgrading the Microsoft 365 (M365) Tenant
2. Improved Communication with HHIT
3. Support for Village Administration
4. High Availability Firewall and Secondary Internet Circuit
5. On-Premises Server Upgrade
6. Relationship with CISA
7. Donation of Secure Cabinet

- Touched on upcoming review of software and internet provider
- Mentioned the need to keep this as a permanent Village Committee

b. Police Department

Police Chief Levand update the Board:

- Monthly reports will be on track this month
- Winter weather parking ban is effect
  - Unique in the fact VCH is a weather event versus 2" or more of snow

- Residents not happy that were ticketed for the violation; money maker for the village; why not knock on the door and ask to have it moved; notices on the website, community counts
- Village ticket fee is $25.00, versus other communities at $100.00

- Active shooter training held at Bell Graham School on January 3
- January 9, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Lunch will be held at Village Hall for the Police Department
- Police website is very impressive with all the changes made. Thanks to Clerk Johnson for all her hard work in helping update the website
- Increase package theft from porches. Bring your package in as soon as possible.
- Kristina Jedlink took Grant Writing training and has started completing grant applications for the Department. Will assist the Village in writing grants as well
- Trustee Boatner likes the idea of setting a template to writing grants for future use by staff.
  - When denied a grant, they need to tell you why and you can improve the application the following year

c. Finance Department

- Administrator Rooney advised Treasurer McPhillips will be at the next meeting
- Personal Policy manual is being updated
- Audit field work is complete; Finance Committee will review, and the audit will come before the board at the February 21, 2025, meeting

6. Action Items

a. Motion to approve Resolution 25-01 Authorizing Execution of an Employee Leasing agreement with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC for Building and Zoning Officer James Brown made by Trustee; seconded by Trustee Muncie; seconded by Trustee Burson

- This update keeps James Brown on staff at the Village
- Is this a permanent position or a temporary position
- FY2026 Budget will have a staffing discussion, contract or hire
- Hiring comes with costs of benefits and IMRF
- Limited schedule as a contractor, 1 ½ days a week; working on Comprehensive Plan with the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Per Village Code, Building and Zoning Officer is a position of the Village

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain	Motion: **CARRIED**
Trustee Boatner	X				
Trustee Burson	X				
Trustee McKelvie	X				
Trustee Millette			X		
Trustee Muncie	X				
Trustee Williams	X				
President Wojnicki					

b. Motion to approve Ordinance #24-13, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 Of Title 4 of the Village Code of Campton Hills, Kane County, Illinois Establishing the Number of Available Liquor Licenses made by Trustee Muncie; seconded by Trustee Williams

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain	Motion: **CARRIED**
Trustee Boatner	X				
Trustee Burson	X				
Trustee McKelvie	X				
Trustee Millette			X		
Trustee Muncie	X				
Trustee Williams	X				
President Wojnicki					

c. Discussion and Motion to approve statement of Censure

President Wojnicki stated, after 26 years of service, thanked the public for counting on her. Kane County has 24 partisan board members, and the members always agreed to disagree. Didn't have arguments, or members berating others and staff.

Trustee McKelvie Referred to the May 7th, 2024 meeting where there was unanimous consensus to keep all discussions from "closed session" confidential. Also, if the confidentiality was broken the Board would censure the Trustee who broke it.

Trustee McKelvie read into the record the following statement:

Statement of Censure – Trustee Janet Burson

> Dear Trustee Burson,
> While you have approached your elected position of Village Trustee with passion and commitment, in the last two years you have also created new potential liabilities, expenditures, and compliance issues for our Village. You have been counseled against this conduct numerous times by the Village President, Village Attorneys, and Village Board members, yet the conduct continues to persist.
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> As such, we are in the unfortunate position of having no other recourse but to document that you have continued engaging in the certain actions against the specific guidance of the Village President, Village Administrator, and Village Board members.
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> Specifically, you have admitted to various individuals that you have communicated directly or through others with parties that were engaged in legal disputes with the Village. These actions consist of leaking confidential information, including information discussed in Village Board closed sessions, to outside parties either directly or through others, in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. This is an abuse of entrusted power by a public official attempting to use their position. The violations reached the point where the Village Board had to take part in additional training to address the roles and responsibilities of the Board members, and how to properly respect the sanctity of the Village Board's closed sessions. Despite this, your actions continued.
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> Recently you have acted abusively toward appointed officials of the Village, questioning their integrity and threatening their appointed positions because of your disagreements with certain issues that have been discussed and voted on by the Village Board. Your actions have created a hostile environment with these officials, whom you have offended and taunted with your comments.
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> We are not attempting to limit your ability to achieve what you seek through your office, but we will not allow a member of the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Campton Hills to engage in conduct which raises new potential liabilities, expenditures, and compliance issues for our Village. It is for this reason that the members of the Board hereby censure you as a result of your actions.
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> It is our sincere desire to end any such conduct, proceed from this point forward in a positive and productive direction, and we hope and look forward to doing so with you as a valued and respected colleague. However, your continued actions require us to take this step to censure you.

Motion to Censure Trustee Janet Burson made by Trustee McKelvie; seconded by Trustee Williams

Trustee Burson replied:

- Many multiple statements have been made that are categorically untrue

- Trustee McKelvie, you have made allegations going back to May 7th and continuing to today related to violations of closed session confidence, which I deny
- I would also remind you that we learned again this past year at IML that there is no statute regarding the confidence of close session; there is no Village code provision regard regarding the confidence of closed session, and Village boards are prohibited from censuring members for alleged violations of closed session confidence. this was made very clear to us at the conference
- So firstly, I deny this contention. If it were it true, it is not an action subject to censure by a municipal board in the state of Illinois
- Secondly, as it relates to what I may or may not say to other members of the board, I think I can say what I want, and I don't think that you or any combination of members of the board are in a position to tell me what I can and can't say, and in particular, there are no possible restrictions over what I can say politically outside of this room, and I know there have been some concerns about that
- You know this has been an ongoing battle that seems rather personal to me
- At a special meeting of the board on 11/14/2024, a series of allegations were made against me and I was repeatedly challenged in the midst of a policy debate for using inflammatory language.
- I believe the repeated groundless accusations against me were the actual inflammatory non-constructive actions engaged in during that meeting. In one case, I used identical language in a similar context to another trustee, yet I was scolded for using inflammatory language
- Materials were circulated that misrepresented my activities as a certified myofascial and trigger point therapist under the guise of a conflict related to zoning restrictions against massage therapy. Some believe that I should have recused myself from a vote that included restrictions on this profession. It's very unfortunate that other professionals licensed by the State of Illinois are unable to practice in Campton Hills due to this personal attack.
- Should some aspect of our zoning ordinance touch, or relate to you in some way, none of us would have been able to cast a vote would we. In various discussions about cases between say RE2 and RE3 lots, should those with either classification have recused themselves, no. What if you were an animal owner, or have trucks with C or D plates; policy disagreements, no matter how strong, are fair game in our meetings
- Personal attacks and petty political theater, such as this, are not. Personal disappointments expressed privately, are just that. Political statements outside our meetings are also not fair game for censure. The right to political speech is not obviated by our services as Village Trustees
- Village of Campton Hill code states that Robert's Rules of Order shall govern over the village meetings.
- Out of several variations, I could not find one that used the word inflammatory. Rather most versions included a language similar to this –
    - In debate, the officers of the assembly should always be referred to by their official titles.
    - It is not allowable to arraign the motives of a member, but the nature or consequences of a measure may be condemned in strong terms
    - It is not the man but the measure that is the subject of debate.
- Does not matter how strong the language is, or what the sentiments it is intended to arouse, the essence of Robert's Rules provisions on decorum relates to the personalization of the remarks. The regular practice of impugning me, my motives and my general way of doing things are all out of bounds for public debate under Robert's Rules.
- I encourage my fellow board members to return to our prior practice of considered debate rather than searching for new and different ways to mount personal political attacks with nearly every meeting.
- I will not be bullied out of a position to which I was elected by residents with a nearly two to one majority and I will continue to do my work

Trustee Boatner

- I admire the fact that you come to these meetings extensively prepared
- You're passionate and outside of the meetings, I've never seen you back down

- I truly admire that, while it may be intimidating, and folks may not like being on the other end of the argument with you, I do not see censure as the right tool to battle you in a public forum like this
- In addition, the one thing that did stand out that you said Jim, was talking about liabilities and expenses that Janet could be creating for the Village by sharing private information from these meetings, and in a sense, advising folks that we maybe in the middle of litigation with. I don't know what you're talking about. I mean where did we hear that? Who said this? We're in public form accusing Trustee Burson of these things; Is it just a thought? Is it just what you believe? Because it's a pretty significant accusation and I have no idea, but I, personally, would have sat down with Janet and discussed this. I do feel like this is political bullying and I would not support this at all.

Trustee Williams

- Was not a Trustee when things were going on at the closed meetings, so I have no opinion
- When I took the job of Trustee, I was told not to speak about the things that were in closed meetings, and I took that as my word. My word means something. I don't care if there's a law behind it or not, so I said I wouldn't and I don't.I don't have to have a law to do things right
- The code thing, the whole voting on the massage thing in the first place is because I do go get massages at a lady's house in South Elgin. It's not like you were fundamentally breaking the code openly, which I'm not saying you were, because you said you weren't massaging, and I'll take your word for it
    - It was the website that really was the reason I stepped out; I can't look like I'm doing something for another Trustee; I'm not going to let this job taint my vote for someone; If someone actually offered the massage thing to me now, later, I probably would vote for it, as long as you were out of it and not voting for it because I just feel like you left the website open; it looked bad; it was a bad look; it was bad optics at best; so that's the only reason I went that way
- It's different than somebody saying, we can't vote for B trucks; you were literally looking like you were doing something wrong, and that's wrong.
- Last thing would be for things outside of meetings. I never really had you say anything in a meeting that bothered me. There's a lot of times you walked out to me; you're like people took things personally, I'm like yeah, I know, it's crazy. Whatever, I agree with you there to a point.
- I'm going based on some of the things that happened outside of meetings and that's where I think it got a little bit out of control. I've learned about Villages, it's not easy, it's tough, but I think if we could have as much decorum outside with the people that work for the village, it's not worth having a big stroke about, I really don't see it
- My fourth point I feel like, and then this goes back to before I was on here, is I feel like people have said something, there was an agreement before the board, this is before I was on, and I just think it's important to say, hey we all agreed on this so let's not do it anymore. I think there needs to be more civility here. Not so much at the meetings, but even outside of the meetings.

Trustee Muncie

I too yearn for the time when we can conduct ourselves with civility and professionally and get back to being a board that does not include this kind of negativity. None of us want to be discussing this this topic

- This topic has been going on for many months, and to be honest, that the list was three pages long to begin with. The list of infractions included much more than what was in that statement; that statement was crafted by Attorney Forte
- That statement was that list, and that statement has been compiled over months with contributions by our administrator, our attorney, our president, some board members. The infractions have been notified, the person the board that committed them has been put on notice, has been retrained, has been told to please stop doing this and that Trustee has decided that they don't need to and as we've heard tonight, they're not bound to that in their mind

- The thing that that bothers me a little though is that this classic defense and deflection technique where the person who, and I'll expand on one of the things about the threats, and I call them threats, that's exactly what they were, to two Village staff members, threatening not only their positions here, but their careers, going to the point where potentially libel and slanderous activities threatening their careers and their livelihood is a personal attack, so to have somebody here claiming they're the victim of personal attacks when they're actually the ones that are making them. I'm sorry that that's just classic deflection and a reversal and we don't want to get into the specifics.
- We wanted this to be more of: this is going on for a while; we really expect civility; we expect candor; we expect professionalism. Let's just get back to doing that and put this behind us; censure really means nothing
- It doesn't stop anybody's ability to speak, ability to participate, ability to contribute, it's just putting somebody on notice that we've told you, on several occasions, you really shouldn't be doing this, please stop doing this, that's really all it is
- It's been, again, months in the coming, it's been boiled down to the essentials and we really just want to put this behind us, honestly. But it is warranted. This is not a political attack at all, this is not one side versus the other, or anything else, this is coming from a lot of people that just want this to stop and want us to move on
  as a professional board

Trustee McKelvie

- Quick comment to Trustee Boatner:
  - I wanted to respond to kind of what you said, you don't you know where all this stuff is coming from
    - Well first of all, you just listened to a fellow Trustee, to a fellow board member, say she doesn't have to keep confidence of closed sessions.
    - I know you've been through the training, that's not what you were taught, that's not what I was taught on multiple occasions, that's not what three separate law firms that I have been a part of on this Village have said you're supposed to do, so I guess it's okay with you that one board member can go into a Closed Session, and if we're talking about litigation, because you brought that up, and we're talking about our side in litigation, that that person then can go and talk to that other person that's in litigation with us; that is insanity, that's wrong, it's morally wrong from my perspective, but it's professionally unbelievable
- I call the question call

Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain	Motion: **CARRIED**
Trustee Boatner		X			
Trustee Burson		X			
Trustee McKelvie	X				
Trustee Millette			X		
Trustee Muncie	X				
Trustee Williams	X				
President Wojnicki					

7. Discussion Items

a. Policy Manual Update regarding PTO Update for police officers
Administrator Rooney has an update to the manual.

- The 12-hour shift for the police department requires changes in earning comp time, overtime and vacation time
- Compliance with the State of Illinois mandate that part time employees get benefits of vacation, 5 days a year
- Chief Levand also advised it was housekeeping in getting verbiage updated

b. Adhoc Technology Committee becoming a permanent Village Committee
Board agrees. Credit to Trustee Burson to have this committee created and thanks to the committee for all the work they've done, and more work to be done. We have a lot of expertise in this volunteer committee. The need continues, not only in technology, but also digitization of records, as an example.

8. **Additional items from the President, Trustees or Attorney**

Trustee Burson

- Calling the question was called prematurely, before, so I have other comments to make
  - I remind Trustee McKelvie that I continue to deny violation of closed session confidence. I don't really understand where those accusations come from, My statement that you are not allowed to censure a member for it and then my statements that there's not an ordinance here or a statute against it are not intended to imply that this is a practice that I engage in. I do not, nonetheless, partly because you keep accusing me of it, it seems important to remind you that the accusation holds no merit and you are pointing to some sort of invisible rule book that doesn't exist, which I think goes also to the comments from Trustee Muncie and referring to various infractions, infractions of what?
  - We received various materials during orientation, which I read thoroughly, and have followed the guidance of those materials, so I'm confused and dismayed by this combination of comments
  - The fact that you folks don't like what I say or do is just not actionable here and your actions were inappropriate

Trustee Muncie

- Not quite sure that was appropriate to continue discussion that we had already finalized so I'd asked the parliamentarian of the meeting here to maybe think about that for our future meeting
- I would like to talk about and just see if there's a consensus for having an ordinance regarding legal fees and the utilization, by Trustees or others, of our Village Attorney without the express approval of either the President or the Administrator
  - I suggest there should be no utilization of the Village Attorney without that express approval
    - If there were to be, there should be a fine in the ordinance, or, that person, whoever it is, that utilizes those legal fees without approval, should have to pay the legal fee, whichever is greater
- The reason I say that is because of things that have happened
  - We've been a little over budget this year
  - This has been an issue in the past that had not stopped.
  - Other municipalities have such an ordinance

Trustee Burson believes we have such an ordinance.

Trustee Williams

- Confirmed Attorney Forte is available an hour before the meeting on average
- Should be something that should go through some approval phase; It's the only way to control legal fees; I would support it 100%

Administrator Rooney advised we do have an ordinance that he'll send out to everyone.

9. **Closed Session -** None held

10. **Motion to adjourn** the meeting at 8:12pm made by Trustee Muncie; seconded by Trustee McKelvie

Voice vote: [AYES: 5] [NAYES: 0] [ABSENT: 1] [ABSTAIN:0] Motion **CARRIED**

Barbara Wojnicki

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President

Tracy Johnson

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